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Harold,

I received the book yesterday afternoon. Needless to say, I'm very grateful for your inscription. It also goes without saying that I'll need a week or two to absorb all of the material, but I already anticipate writing to you extensively with some thoughts about the book. My intitial impression is that if a magazine were interested in a well-organized, hard-hitting condensation, the task would not be at all difficult.

A couple of gripes and preliminary comments after skimming through:
p.309--The cause of death portion of the death certificate is almost illegible. Ditto the excerpt of the document reproduced on p.451.
p.468fn.--terms an evaluation of medical treatment received in Dallas "at best an irrelevancy." Not so, and I will amplify on this when I write to you after finishing the book.
p.502--Paragraphs (e) through (k) of April 22,1964 Eisenberg memo are unreadable.
p.546--Very clever of someone to type in Jackie's name and address. Wonder if it was done before or after RFK signed. Tremendously relevant if one sees Burkley as the user rather than the used, as I do for reasons I will explain.
p.549--memo unreadable on right hand side of page.
p.554--May 12, 1964 memo unreadable.

Still no reply from Sanford Socolow of CBS News Washington Bureau to my memo of nearly two weeks ago. Of course, continued silence from Midgley, Rather, et.al. Hope they have already contacted you as I write this, but the hope is dim. The thought of doing an article on CBS's handling of its own evidence is still festering. Sometime after next week's special I'll speak to you about the possible disposition of the original 1967 sound-sync recordings of interviews with witnesses, tapes which I have copied.

Incidentally, as the Midgley people approach the wire they are going ape over the Chicago-Abraham Bolden story. It only took them eight years to look into it.

Take care, and I'll speak to you soon.

Roger.